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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Ronda M. Allen et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1654  
Application No.: 09/648,641 ) Examiner: Michael V. Meller  
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For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING DNA )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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